



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 132

February Session, 2000

***An Act Increasing The Compensation Of Members Of The
Freedom Of Information Commission, Ethics Commission And
State Elections Enforcement Commission.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 1-205 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) Each member shall receive [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day for
4 each day such member is present at a commission hearing or meeting,
5 and shall be entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary
6 expenses incurred in connection therewith, in accordance with the
7 provisions of section 4-1.

8 Sec. 2. Subsection (f) of section 1-80 of the general statutes is
9 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

10 (f) Members of the commission shall be compensated at the rate of
11 [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day for each day they attend a meeting
12 or hearing and shall receive reimbursement for their necessary
13 expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties.

14 Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 9-7a of the general statutes is
15 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

16 (a) There is established a State Elections Enforcement Commission

17 to consist of five members, not more than two of whom shall be
18 members of the same political party and at least one of whom shall not
19 be affiliated with any political party. Of the members first appointed
20 hereunder, one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the House
21 of Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from
22 July 1, 1974; one shall be appointed by the minority leader of the
23 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July
24 first; one shall be appointed by the speaker of the House of
25 Representatives and shall hold office for a term of one year from said
26 July first; one shall be appointed by the president pro tempore of the
27 Senate and shall hold office for a term of three years from said July
28 first, and one shall be appointed by the Governor, provided that such
29 member shall not be affiliated with any political party, and shall hold
30 office for a term of five years from said July first. Thereafter, members
31 shall be appointed for terms of five years from July first in the year of
32 their appointment and shall be appointed by the person holding the
33 same office as was held by the person making the original
34 appointment, provided any person chosen to fill a vacancy shall be
35 appointed only for the unexpired term of the member whom [he] the
36 person shall succeed. All appointments shall be made with the consent
37 of the state Senate and House of Representatives, provided the initial
38 appointees may serve without confirmation from July 1, 1974, subject
39 to approval at the next regular session of the General Assembly. No
40 person who has served within the previous three years as a public
41 official, other than a member of the State Elections Enforcement
42 Commission, or who has served within the previous three years as a
43 political party officer, shall be appointed to membership on the
44 commission. For purposes of this subsection the term "public official"
45 means an individual who holds or has held a state, district or
46 municipal office as defined in section 9-372 but shall not include a
47 justice of the peace or a notary public and the term "political party
48 officer" means an officer or member of a national committee of a
49 political party, state central or town committee, or any person
50 employed by any such committee for compensation. The commission
51 shall elect one of its members to serve as chairperson and another

52 member to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the commission
53 shall be compensated at the rate of [fifty] seventy-five dollars per day
54 for any day on which [he] the member participates in a regular
55 commission meeting or hearing, and shall be paid by the state for [his]
56 the member's reasonable expenses, including necessary stenographic
57 and clerical help.

58 Sec. 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

GAE Committee Vote: Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS C/R APP

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